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The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

Donald Rappaport,

Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act: Request for Clearance of the State Education Agency and Governor's Reporting Forms.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 109.

Burden Hours: 4,360.

Abstract: Section 4117 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA) requires state chief executive officers, and state educational agencies (SEAs) to submit to the Secretary on a triennial basis a report on the implementation and outcomes of state, local and Governor's SDFSCA programs. ED must report to the President and Congress on a biennial basis regarding the national impact of SDFSCA programs. The two instruments, one for SEAs and one for Governor's programs, included with this Paperwork Reduction Act submission will be used by states to submit the required data to ED.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: New.

Title: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS) First Grade Fall 1998 Pilot Study, Fall 1999 and Spring 2000 Full Scale.

Frequency: Fall 1998, Fall 1999, and Spring 2000.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 600.

Burden Hours: 313.

Abstract: The ECLS begins in Fall 1998–1999 with a kindergarten cohort. This clearance is for follow up activities with this cohort of students one year later, when they are typically in first grade. There will be a pilot of the first grade fall survey in Fall 1998, and the full scale surveys will take place in Fall of 1999 and Spring of 2000. The ECLS looks at the crucial first years of school from the perspective of the students, teachers, parents, and school administrators. There are assessments of the students. The survey is intended to provide information about early childhood preschool learning experiences, from birth to age 8, preparation for formal schools, first school experiences, and progress made over the first years of school.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program Electronic Debit Account Brochure and Authorization Form.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 102,000.

Burden Hours: 3,400.

Abstract: This form will be the means by which a Direct Loan borrower authorizes establishment of an Electronic Debit Account.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: National Longitudinal Survey of Schools (NLSS).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 18,800.

Burden Hours: 10,760.

Abstract: This study is being conducted to support the legislative requirement in P.L. 103–382, Section 1501 to assess the implementation of Title I and education reform. It will examine principals' and teachers' understanding and implementation of standards-based reform and the new provisions of Title I. Information on schools serving significant proportions of migrant, limited-English proficient (LEP), or Native American students, and

schools that have been identified as in need of improvement will also be gathered.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Guaranty Agency Quarterly/Annual Report.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits, State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs. Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 37.

Burden Hours: 9,250.

Abstract: The Guaranty Agency Quarterly/Annual Report is submitted by 37 agencies operating a study loan insurance program under agreement with the Department of Education. These reports are used to evaluate agency operations, make payments to agencies as authorized by law, and to make reports to Congress.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Standards for the Conduct and Evaluation of Activities Carried Out by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI)—Phase 1.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1.

Burden Hours: 1.

Abstract: OERI was required by its authorizing statute to establish standards for the processes it uses to evaluate applications for grants and cooperative agreements and proposals for contracts. These established standards (34 CFR 700) allow OERI to tailor selection criteria to individual programs by selecting from the menu of selection criteria contained in this regulation. This regulation has also eliminated the need for separate programs within OERI to establish individual program regulations to create evaluation criteria.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

Donald Rappaport,

Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: 1998-1999 Field Test for Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS): Local Educational Agency (LEA), Administrator, School, Teacher and Library/Media Center, 1999-2000 Teacher Listing Form, 1999-2000 Full Scale SASS: LEA, Administrator, School, Teacher and Library/Media Center.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 104,341.

Burden Hours: 107,802.

Abstract: The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) will use the field test to assess data collection procedures and survey instruments that are planned for the full scale SASS in 1999-2000. Policy makers, researchers and practitioners at the national, state and local events use SASS data. Respondents include public and private school principals, teachers, and school, LEA and library/media center staff persons.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

July 7, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on

the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received comments from electric utilities and electric trade associations in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of February 5, 1998 (63 FR 5933). The Commission has addressed these comments in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before August 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-566 "Annual Report of a Utility's Twenty Largest Purchasers"
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0114. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to fulfill the requirements of Section 211-Interlocking Directorates, which defines monitoring and regulatory operations concerning interlocking directorate positions held by utility personnel and possible conflicts of interest. The information submitted enables the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of the Title II, Section 211 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 175 companies